

PATENT APPLICATION
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q90576

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Group Art Unit: 3663

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Examiner: Jonathan A. Goldfarb

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For: NAVIGATION APPARATUS, NAVIGATION METHOD, ROUTE DATA
GENERATION PROGRAM, RECORDING MEDIUM CONTAINING ROUTE DATA
GENERATION PROGRAM, AND SERVER DEVICE IN NAVIGATION SYSTEM

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENTS

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Sir:

This responds to the Restriction and Election of Species Requirement, dated April 17, 2007. In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects Group I, claims 37-62 and 68-72 for examination. This election is made with traverse.

Specifically, Applicant submits that the Restriction Requirement is improper because the invention of the instant application was not found to lack unity in the International Search Report at the PCT stage. Further, in the international preliminary examination, the invention of the present application was determined to have novelty over both Denso Corp. (JP-2002-365076A) and Mitsubishi Corp. (JP-11.-265495A). Therefore, claims 37-72 of the present invention include special technical features that define a contribution over the prior art (PCT Rule 13.2).

Consequently, claims 37-72 of the present invention include single general inventive concept (PCT Rule 111).

This also responds to the Election of Species Requirement, dated April 17, 2007. The Examiner has identified the application as containing claims directed to more than one distinct species. The Examiner has required the Applicant to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted. The Examiner believes there are no generic claims. Applicant has been advised that a response to this requirement shall include an identification of the species that is elected and a listing of all claims readable thereon.

In response to the Examiner's requirement, Applicant elects Species A, Figures 1-11, for examination on which claims 37-40, 42, 47, 48, 52-54, 58 and 60-69 are readable.

Applicant submits that if any of the elected claims is found to be allowable, claims dependent therefrom should similarly be considered allowable in the same application.

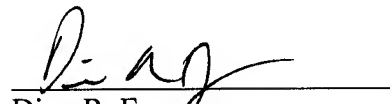
Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional Application directed to the non-elected claims.

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